

Memorandum

Date: March 9, 2021
To: All Stakeholders
From: Department of Public Instruction
Subject: Statewide Reporting of the 2020-21 Third Friday of September Enrollment Count by Economic Status Data in the WISEdash Public Portal

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction completed the statewide data snapshot in December of 2020, which included the Third Friday Enrollment count by Economic Status data submitted by local education agencies (LEAs) from the 2020-21 school year. Due to the pandemic and statewide closures during that time, reporting [guidance](#) for Economic Status data was posted in the fall of 2020 by DPI for the 2020-21 school year.

Based on this guidance, and in order to account for this year's unique barriers to capturing economic status, the DPI provided flexibility for WISEdata reporting. Specifically, we asked LEAs to submit the most recent economic status for a student. LEAs could submit economic status via WISEdata based upon eligibility from last year (2019-20) that had been carried over, updated information based on Direct Certification, an updated USDA Household [Application](#) for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals, or by using the alternate income form.

In addition to the data collection flexibility, the DPI has decided to report for Third Friday of September (TFS) a combined economic status eligibility based on data captured in the December 8, 2020 snapshot for TFS enrollment from the 2020-21 school year and end of year enrollment from the 2019-20 school year. A student will be reported as economically disadvantaged for the TFS 2020-21 count if the student was eligible either in the TFS 2020-21 enrollment or the end of year 2019-20 enrollment. The data presented in the WISEdash Public Portal for TFS for 2020-2021 represents the best efforts of LEAs and the DPI to ensure accuracy during the public health emergency.

At the time of the publication of this errata, Economic Status data as described above will be used for

public reporting, federal reporting, accountability purposes, Erate, and other use cases as determined by the department. DPI is reviewing whether or how these data may be used for financial purposes, such as grant or aid allocations based on statutory program requirements.